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STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN

DECEMBER 13, 1937.

On the 12th December, Japanese naval aeroplanes, in the course of their pursuit of retreating Chinese forces discovered and bombed at a point about 20 miles upstream from Nanjing more than ten steamers which seemed to them to be Chinese military transportships. Later it was found out that among the bombed vessels were three vessels belonging to the Standard Oil Company and that the American gunboat Fanay which was in the neighbourhood was sunk.

The Japanese Government deeply regret the occurrence of the unfortunate incident, although we have not yet received detailed reports regarding it. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, called at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon on the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, at the American Embassy and tendered, on behalf of the Japanese Government the expression of profound regret and their apologies. Simultaneously, telegraphic instructions were sent to Ambassador Saito in Washington to tender, on behalf of the Home Government, a similar expression to the American Government.

We have received official information to the effect that at Shanghai Ambassador Kawagoe, Consul General Okamoto and the chief-of-staff of the Japanese fleet in China waters expressed regret respectively to the American authorities there today.

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「パネー」號事件ニ關スル情報部長談話（昭和十二年十二月十三日）

十二月十二日（時刻未詳）折柄敗走中、支那軍ヲ追跡中ナリシ帝國海軍
艦ハ南京上流約二十哩ノ地結ニ於テ支那軍ニ送船ト思シキ汽船十隻獲
テ見シ之ヲ擧ゲセリ、後ニ至リ石ノ中ニハ「スタンダード」石油會社所
屬船三隻アリシ事、明カトナレルカ其際附近ニアリタル米艦「パネ
ー」號ヲ沈没ニ至ラシメタリ
石ニ就テハ未タ詳報ニ及セサルカ帝國政府ニ於テハ斯ル不詳事件ノ發生
ヲ果ク遺憾トシ廣田外務大臣ハ本十三日午後三時在京「グルー」米大
使ヲ同大使館ニ往訪シ帝國政府ノ名ニ於テ陳謝ノ意ヲ表シ而テ在米
駐大宛同政府ニ對シ同様措置方電訓セリ
尙上流ニ於テ川邊大使、岡本總領事及支那方面警察部長ハ十三日夫々
米國領ニ對シ遺憾ノ意ヲ表シタル旨報告ニ及シタリ

（昭和十二年十二月十三日）

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